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KOREAN INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT.

Peking, March 12.
Independent reports from Korea indicate that the independence movement is more widespread than is officially admitted by the Japanese. Trouble had been anticipated on the occasion of the funeral of Prince Yi, and the Japanese called in the *gendarmes* from outlying stations. Forfeiting this, the Korean national leaders arranged for Independence Day demonstrations to be held two days earlier, thus catching the Japanese unprepared. Eventually the situation was restored, but not before thousands had been arrested. The Korean independence manifesto calls upon the people to arise and make a peaceful demonstration of their independence and under no circumstances to use force. The document is dignified and powerful.

THEOLOGICAL STUDENTS STRIPPED AND BOUND TO CROSSES.

Students of the Pingyang Presbyterian Theological School were seized, stripped, tied to rough wooden crosses and carried through the city, their Japanese captives saying that as their Father had borne a cross they, too, should have the privilege of bearing it.

THE KOREANS DEMAND.

The Koreans demand Japan's advisory control only until such time as the League of Nations considers the Koreans fit for absolute self-government.

1917 IN HONGKONG.

The *London and China Express* of Jan. 16, says:—The report on Hongkong for 1917, signed by Mr. Claud Severn, Colonial Secretary, has been issued as a Parliamentary paper. It is a belated document, but it shows, nevertheless, the actual position of the Colony and the progress that is being made. The revenue continues to expand. It has grown from over eight and a-half million dollars in 1913 to fifteen million dollars in 1917. Expenditure, needless to say, has kept pace with this expansion. The balance for the year 1917 was not far short of a million dollars, and the assets and liabilities account showed on December 31 of that year a credit balance of over three million dollars. It is of interest to note that under a new Ordinance a tax of 7 per cent. on assessments was imposed to provide an annual contribution to the Imperial Government for purposes of the war. The collection began on July 1, and the sum realised for the half-year was \$504,984. The figures for shipping naturally show some restriction owing to the conditions brought about by the war. But in all the main essentials the position of the Colony is thoroughly satisfactory and progress is indicated in many directions. It is noteworthy that during the year covered by the report the War Charities funds were subscribed to in the same generous manner as in previous years, the sums received in subscriptions amounting to nearly \$300,000. The local War Savings Association continued to encourage small investors, and a total of considerably over \$1,000,000 (Straits currency) was invested in war loans. The year 1917 will also be memorable for the passing of the Ordinance incorporating the Volunteer Corps and the Hongkong Volunteer Reserve into one command—The Hongkong Defence Corps. Under this Ordinance all male British subjects between the ages of 18 and 55, who are medically fit and who are ordinarily resident in the Colony, with certain exceptions, are liable for military service in the Colony.

MALINI.

Malini gave a performance of his wonderful tricks last night to an enthusiastic audience, and the longer he stays here the more he appears to mystify people. Those people who have not taken the opportunity of witnessing this "mystifier's" performance should go and see it on Saturday when he appears for the last time in Hongkong.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

FRANCE WANTS SEVERER MILITARY TERMS.

PARIS, March 7th.
A Havas message says:—M. Tardieu, at the Conference of Journalists, stated that the unanimous feeling among the Allies was that the terms should be made more severe than suggested by the Allied military advisers.

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PARIS, March 7th.
A Havas message says:—The Sub-Commission on the Responsibility for the War has submitted its report indicting the ex-Kaiser, the Crown Prince, the inner circle of the German War Party, and several hundred civil and military officials who governed occupied territories in France, Belgium and Poland.

FRANCE EXPECTS FAIR SHARE OF GERMAN SHIPS.

PARIS, March 7th.
A Havas message says:—An agreement was brought about yesterday on the naval terms. The Allies are in complete accord that the German Navy should not be handed back to the Germans. The French favour the German Navy being given over in part to the French Government.

PARIS, March 7th.
A Havas message says:—At the Conference of Journalists, M. Loevy reiterated his previous expression of opinion that the German warships should neither be sunk nor broken up. As constituting the common capture of the Allies they should be divided in the best way for France to make up the losses sustained.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

PARIS, March 7th.
M. Tardieu, at the weekly Conference of Journalists, stated that the French Government hoped that the League of Nations would be made part of the preliminaries of peace. Connection between the League of Nations and the Peace Treaty must be maintained. "It was highly desirable that the German delegates should admit the principle of the League of Nations, with the understanding that Germany would be made a member after giving proof of her intention to carry out the terms of peace."

RUMANIA.

PARIS, March 7th.
A Havas message says:—Queen Marie pleads for the Rumanian people who are suffering misery from under-feeding. She says that the stories of the revolution are untrue.

FOIL'S BONUS.

PARIS, March 1st.
A Havas message says:—Every French soldier will receive a bonus of £10 on demobilisation, together with 15s. for each non-combatant and 15s. for combatants.

"PENNY DREADFULS" OR PICTURES?

"Lui Sing, a small boy of 13 year of age, must have been indulging very heavily in 'penny dreadfuls' or been a regular patron of the picture shows, because he has become imbued with the brigand spirit, with the result that he was brought up before Mr. G. N. Orme this morning. The terrible story brought forward by the 'Police' was that this youth enticed a small girl of 8 years old into an empty matchbox, and with an accomplice, who by the way cannot be found, blindfolded her, and with his teeth, Lui bit through the cords that fastened two little rattan and gold bangles on her wrist, took the bangles away from her and ran. Her mother who happened to be near, came rushing in, and finding what had happened, gave chase, and found that defendant had jumped on a launch. She immediately gave chase, and jumped into a sampan, and called upon the launch to stop, which it did, and climbing on board found the small youth. Seeing that the game was up, he gave her the bangles. He was immediately taken off and placed in custody. After hearing all these stirring details Mr. Orme decided that this boy should be punished, and on asking where the boy came from, was told by the boy himself that he lived in Tai-ping, and had run away from home because his mother beat him, and that he had been in Hongkong about seven days. Mr. Orme then told the boy that he would be beaten again, and receive 12 strokes and be imprisoned for 48 hours, after which he would be sent home. He was also warned that if he came back again he would get a long sentence in prison. Lui will therefore return to his mother, sad, sore, and we hope sorry."

HONGKONG DEFENCE CORPS.

Administrative Orders by Major H. A. Morgan, Administrative Commandant.

STRENGTH.

No. 201 Spr. J. P. Middleton, Engineer Company, is permitted to resign, on leaving the Colony, to date from 5.4.19.

LEAVE.

Sergt. J. A. Young, "B" Coy., is granted 12 months' extension of leave from 2.4.19.
Gnr. W. J. Hinton, "A" Coy., is granted 12 months' leave from 13.3.19, Spr. D. L. Lyle, Eng. Coy., is granted 9 months' leave from 15.4.19, Pte. P. T. Chilvers, Sig. Sec. is granted 6 weeks' leave from 13.3.19, Pte. F. Allen, "B" Coy., is granted 12 months' leave from 27.3.19, Spr. C. A. Bennett, Eng. Coy., is granted 3 months' extension of leave from 6.2.19. Pte. G. Martin, "B" Coy., is granted leave from 21.3.19 to 30.4.19.

EXAMINATION FOR PROMOTION.

Reference Corps Order No. 5 dated 10.1.19, a lecture on Ranging and Range cards will be given by the Adjutant at Headquarters on Wednesday, 19th March, at 6.00 p.m.

ALLOTMENT OF RIFLE RANGES.

(a) King's Park Rifle Range is allotted to the 74th Fusiliers from 1st April to 1st May, 1919, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., daily, Sundays excepted.
(b) King's Park Range is allotted to the 18th Infantry from 11th to 30th March, and from 2nd May to 30th June, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., daily, Sundays excepted.

Orders for Artillery Company by Major J. H. W. Armstrong, V.D.

Sunday, 16th March.—Gun Practice. Parade at Belchers Battery:—9 a.m. Right Half Company. 9.30 a.m. Left Half Company.

Monday, 17th March.—5.15 p.m. Left Half Company. T. E. T. at Headquarters. N.C.Os and men as detailed by O.C. Left Half Company.
Tuesday, 18th March. 7.30 a.m. Right Half Company. T. E. T. at Headquarters. N.C.Os and men as detailed by O.C. Right Half Company.

Sunday, 23rd March.—9 a.m. Right Half Company. Annual Musketry Course at King's Park Range.
Kowloon.—9 a.m. Left Half Company. Annual Musketry Course at Tai-koo Range, Quarry Bay.

Orders for Engineer Company, by Captain W. Russell.

No. 4 Section will fire their Musketry Course on Saturday, March 15, at 2.30 p.m., at King's Park Range. Officers on duty: Lieut. Brown and Marley and 2nd Lieut. Blackburn.
Casualties of Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4 Sections will fire on Sunday, March 16, at 9 a.m., at King's Park Range. Officers on duty: Captain Russell and Lieut. Stevenson.

February Pay will be issued at Engineer Company Office, Headquarters, Hongkong Defence Corps, for all except Talook residents, on Tuesday, 18th and Wednesday, 19th inst., between 11 a.m. and noon.

Orders for Infantry Battalion by Major H. A. Morgan.

PARADES.

Friday, March 21.—7.15 p.m. "A" and "B" Companies on Murray Parade Ground. Dress, drill order. Officers will wear swords.

The Commandant invites all N.C.Os and men over 41 years of age, who can manage to do so, to attend this parade, at which His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government will present the Colonial Auxiliary Forces Officers' Decoration to Major G. H. Wake, M.B.

Saturday, March 22.—3.00 p.m. "D" Company at King's Park Range. Annual Musketry Course.
Sunday, March 23.—7.30 a.m. No. 7 Platoon (N.C.Os and men) who wish to fire at Quarry Bay at Tai-koo Rifle Range. Annual Musketry Course, Part 3, Practices 15, 16, 17 and 18.

MORDED SECTION.
Tuesday, March 18.—5.15 p.m. At Jockey Club Stables. Dress, drill order.

SIGNALING SECTION.
Tuesday, March 18.—5.15 p.m. At Headquarters. T.E.T. Rifles, Belts, pouches and dummy cartridges to be carried.

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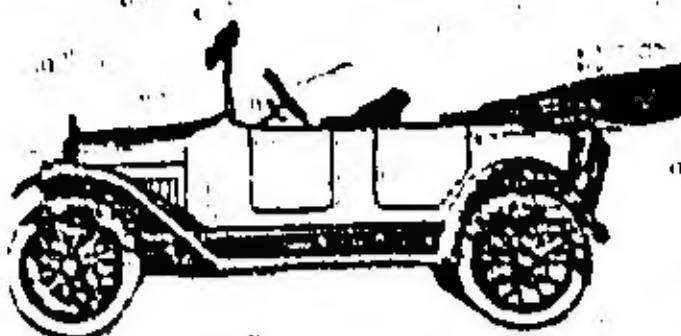
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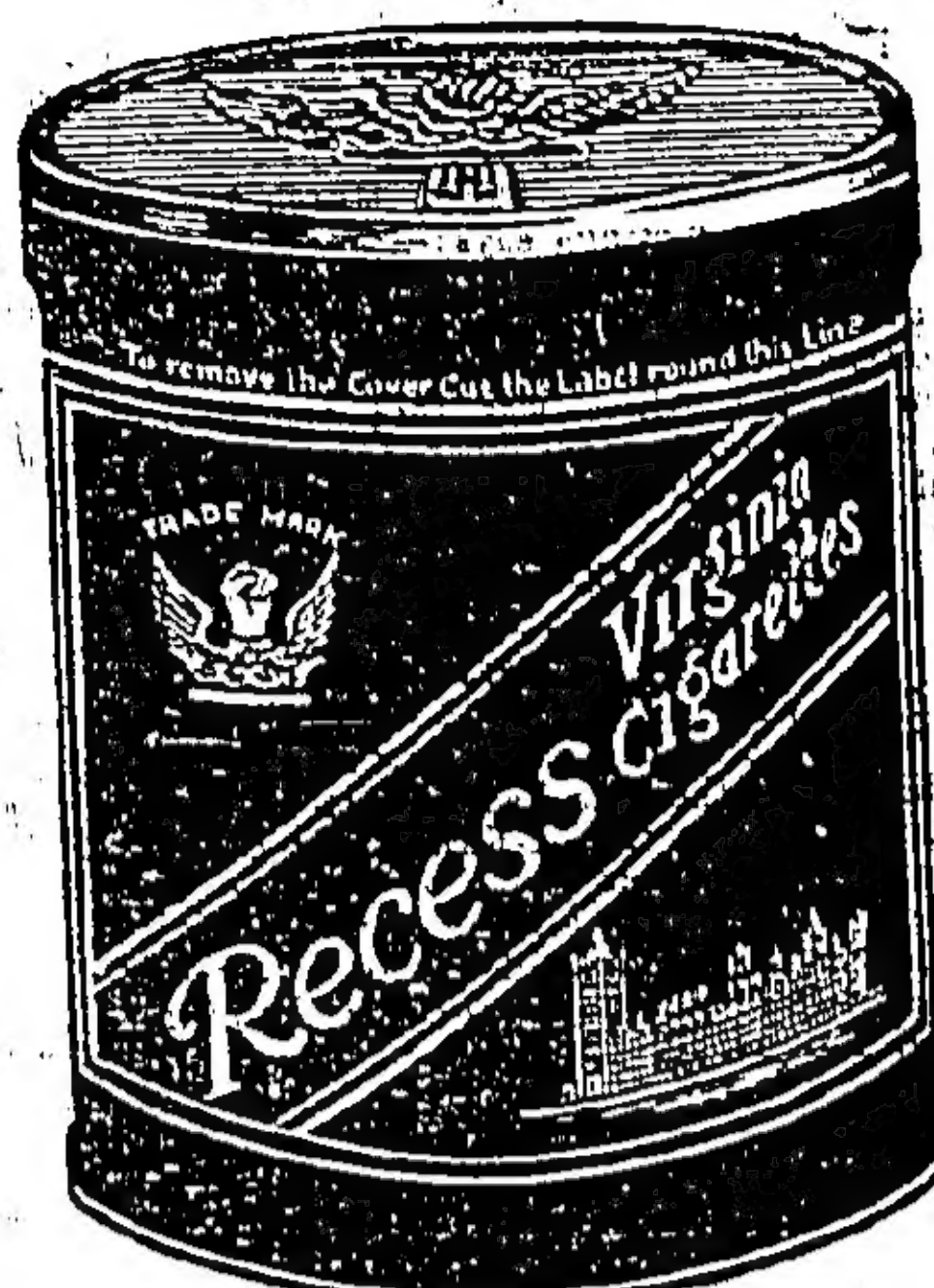
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CO-OPERATIVE BONDS.

The question of the new Co-operative Development Bonds, which have been sanctioned by the Treasury to the extent of £2,500,000, was raised by many delegates at the quarterly meeting of the Co-operative Wholesale Society. Mr. A. W. Gough, a director, stated that the money would be required for the development of agricultural land recently purchased by the society in this country, as well as for Colonial expansion. As a first step in this direction the meeting proceeded to sanction the purchase of a tea plantation in Ceylon and more freehold land in Acacia, West Africa.

THE PERFECT CHILD.

Professor Arthur Thomson, of Aberdeen, delivered an interesting discourse on the "Eugenic Ideal in Education." Having pleaded for a large amount of nature study for the child, the professor dwelt on the importance of play, which was the young form of work. "In general," he said, "those who play best will always work best, live best, and love best." On the question of sex instruction, he said that tragedy often resulted during adolescence without there being any terrible wickedness, when everything was said and done. There was a call for more definite, carefully graduated, carefully differentiated sex instruction. "More day-light, more sunlight—both strong antiseptics—must be let in. In some schools the ideal of physical fitness and keeping in good form was very high. But brain-stretching must be part of the discipline as much as muscle hardening. An education for fitness, however, was strong in most boys, and it should be fostered not only for its own sake, but because health was a very searching criterion, and there was an unsuspected truth in the remark that, for every case of typhoid fever, some one should be hanged.

NO JERSEY CATTLE.

The Jersey Branch of the Dockers and General Workers' Union have, as a case in the prices of milk and butter, informed the States Committee that they will not allow the export of cattle until prices become normal. The action of the workers is receiving strong support from the public, better being more than a shilling a pound cheese than in England, whilst milk is unobtainable by the poorer classes. A large number of cattle are already for export to England and America.

BREWERS' PROFITS.

Justices at Middlesex Sessions decided to impose a compensation levy of 1 per cent. in respect of "on" licensed premises in the country during the next year. The United Kingdom Alliance petitioned that the national compensation levy should be imposed.

Mr. Hillbert moved that the levy should be 10 per cent. He said that a levy of 1 per cent. was not carrying out the Act, but was an evasion of the Act. He added that a year or two ago they were under the impression that the war restrictions would be adverse to the brewing trade, and they agreed upon a charge of 1 per cent. But experience had shown that the war restrictions, so far from affecting the brewing interests, had been very much in their favor. The increase in the dividends paid by brewing companies was notorious. It was equally notorious that there were numerous redundant houses in the country. There were 300 houses in the Brentford division, or one for every 700 inhabitants.

PURITY OF LIFE.

The Bishop of Willemsden, preaching at a special victory service at St. Paul's Cathedral, said that we must endeavour to live up to a higher standard of honesty and purity, as the great rules of honesty and purity were in serious danger of being relaxed. It was necessary that the same standard of purity should be demanded from men as from women, and we must hold fast to the sanctity of marriage. Our divorce courts were so full to-day that he feared that hardly sufficient time was devoted to each case. He referred to the lack of honesty among those who occupied important positions in this country, and said that while many a poor man who had committed a theft was now in goal, there were those who had amassed great fortunes and used their influence to serve their own ends regardless of honesty, occupying high positions when they emphatically ought to be in prison. It would be a terrible thing for this country if our word was not still as good as our bond.

A VISIT TO JOHN MORLEY.

Mr. James Milne has been to see John Morley, and has written about it in a very interesting number of the *Book Monthly*. "We shall get no more books from our most illustrious man of English letters, our greatest bookman," says Mr. Milne. "Not a word," says Lord Morley, "not a word; I have finished." His unwritten books are recited to him, that "Chatham," that "Cavour," perhaps others of an empty, bewitching shelf. He only shakes his head, a little sadly, because with a die cast.

"Quite recently somebody" wrote from as far away as Kansas to the effect, "Your chapter sound-so in 'Rousseau' was it the 'Rousseau'?" "I made life a different thing for me—thank you!" Possibly that might encourage even an author who has put off his armoire to sit down and cut slices out of his books for a volume of "Selections."

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As commoner or peer, he has hatched his waggon to a star, and by that comradeship he abides in the Indian summer of his life—a spirit whose lamp ago does not dim, only refines. His speech, measured in note and word, is a melodious token of this, and who would not be a listener? There is the staidness of the sonnet in his talk, as, again, that is present in his writings.

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March 19, 1919, commencing at 2.30 p.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vaux Road, Corner of Ice House Street.

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Hongkong, March 12, 1919.

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March 18, 1919, at 2.30 p.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vaux Road, Corner of Ice House Street, Piano by Collard & Collard, Piano by Saunden Steedman, London, Piano by Ernst Kaps—Dresden, Cottage Piano by Moutrie, (in good condition).

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Hongkong, March 5, 1919.

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March 21, 1919, commencing at 10.30 a.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vaux Road, Corner of Ice House Street.

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Hongkong, March 11, 1919.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the BRITISH TRADERS INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED, intends at an early date to apply to the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL of Hongkong for a Bill for power to convert its silver capital into gold.

A copy of the proposed Bill can be inspected at the Office of the undersigned.

Dated this 5th day of March 1919.

DEACON, LOOKER,
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Solicitors for,
THE BRITISH TRADERS INSURANCE
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Hongkong, March 5, 1919.

THE GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE THIRTIETH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS of the Company will be held at the Offices of the Company, St. George's Building, Charter Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 22nd day of March, 1919, at 11.30 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1918, and declaring a Dividend.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, the 13th March, 1919, until SATURDAY, the 22nd March, 1919, both days inclusive.

By Order of the
BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
Hongkong, March 5, 1919.

HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

A SPECIAL EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF MEMBERS of the HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE will be held on TUESDAY, March 25, at 3.55 p.m. precisely, in the CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ROOM, CHARTERED BANK BUILDING, for the purpose of considering and if thought fit passing the following resolution:—
"That Clause VI of the Rules and Regulations of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce should be amended to read as follows:—
"The Committee shall consist of ten Members, all of whom shall be British or Representatives of British Firms, to be elected at the Annual Meeting of the Chamber, and they shall hold Office for one year. Vacancies occurring during the year shall be filled up by the Committee."
By Order,
A. M. WILLIAMS,
Secretary.

Hongkong, March 12, 1919.

HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE will be held on TUESDAY, March 25, 1919, at 4 o'clock precisely, in the CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ROOM, CHARTERED BANK BUILDING, for the following purposes:—
1. To receive the Report and Accounts of the Committee for the year ended December 31, 1918.
2. To elect a New Committee.
3. To transact any General business.
By Order,
E. A. M. WILLIAMS,
Secretary.

Hongkong, March 13, 1919.

HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

THE CHINA-BORNEO COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SIXTEENTH YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Company's Office, St. George's Building, at 11.30 a.m. on WEDNESDAY, March 26, 1919, for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to December 31, 1918, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from March 19, to March 26, 1919, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, March 11, 1919.

"CHINA SUGAR REFINING" COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE
THE FORTY-FIRST ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Offices of the General Agents, Pedder's Street, on THURSDAY, the 27th instant, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1918.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from the 13th to 27th March, both days inclusive.

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THE PUBLIC ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a limited number of PUBLIC JINRIKISHAS will be put into service at the Peak District from FRIDAY, the 14th instant.

E. D. C. WOLFE,
Captain Superintendent of Police.
Hongkong, March 12, 1919.

NOTICE.

ALL PERSONS with the exception of those of Chinese race desiring to leave the Colony, should apply in person between the hours of 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. daily at the PASS OFFICE, Post Office Building.

Applicants will be required to produce Passports or identification papers. All persons, with certain exceptions, who remain in the Colony for more than 7 days are required to register themselves under the REGISTRATION OF PERSONS ORDINANCE 1914. Forms of Registration giving the particulars required may be obtained at the G.P.O. and at all Police Stations.

The Penalty for non-compliance is a fine not exceeding \$50.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FIFTIETH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Offices of the undersigned at NOON, on SATURDAY, the 29th instant.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 15th to the 29th instant, both days inclusive.

At this Meeting a Resolution will be proposed that, owing to the Consulting Committee being now made up to the maximum number of eight, the remuneration to the Committee be increased from \$7,000 to \$8,000.

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MALAYAN RUBBER AND TIN.

JAPANESE TRADING ACTIVITIES.

Feeling in Malaya is hopeful in the belief that there will be a general and large demand for rubber and tin as soon as shipping is available and the Continental and American ports are reopened, writes the "Times" correspondent from Singapore, recently. The tone of confidence is revealed in the large purchases, especially of rubber, that are being made for a rise in prices. For the past six months the Government has been the sole buyer of tin, and there have been many complaints that the price is too low. The monopoly is now abolished, and it is hoped that an open market will result in better prices. The chief anxiety is in regard to the supply of labour for estates and mines, as it is feared that it will be considerably below requirements. The scarcity of shipping and the high cost of living have checked immigration.

Stocks of all kinds of imported goods are extremely low, and much local development has been retarded for the want of iron and steel and their manufactures.

There has been an enormous increase in Japanese trade with Malaya during the war, and the inflow of Japanese has created grave housing problems in Singapore, where they are buying European houses at fancy prices.

The Japanese are not working through British or Chinese firms, but are establishing their own branches, and are thus producing some gloomy predictions that they will prevent the return of pre-war British commercial predominance. The more general view, however, is that British quality will ensure good trade, while the activity of the Japanese will leave no room for the return of German trade.

TRUTH ABOUT ROOSEVELT.

The China Mail published a balanced estimate of the late Theodore Roosevelt which some superficial critics considered to be in doubtful taste. The following bit from the Japan Chronicle helps us to stay unrepentant—

Some of the American papers, ignoring the rather foolish precept that nothing but good should be said of the dead—a precept, by the way, that Mr. Roosevelt never observed, have been reprinting the criticisms of some eminent men on Roosevelt's Imperialism. Mr. Moncure Conway, the well-known author and historian, thought that Mr. Roosevelt's appearance in politics was the worst thing that had happened to the United States since the Civil War.

The late Dr. Andrew Dickson White, author of the "History of the Warfare of Science with Theology in Christendom," and well known as the U.S. Ambassador to Berlin, said that politically the difference between Roosevelt and the Kaiser was "national, not personal." The make-up of the two men was the same, being essentially militarist, the only difference being that the one was American and the other German.

The most severe criticism quoted is that of Mark Twain, who, shortly after the inauguration of Mr. Taft in 1909, wrote of Mr. Roosevelt as follows:—"Our people have adored this showy charlatan as perhaps no impostor of his breed has been adored since the Golden Calf; so it is to be expected that the nation will want him back again after he is done hunting other wild animals heroically in Africa, with the safeguards and advertising equipment of a park of artillery and a brass band."

A.B.C. GIRLS POLISHED UP.

The Aerated Bread Company has decided that waitresses at their refreshment shops need not wear white caps. The suggestion came from the directors and not from the girls.

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MARRIAGES.

BLUNT-FAWCETT.—On January 11, at Bournemouth, Captain A. P. Blunt, R.M. Colonial Service, China, to Miss Fawcett, Grace Fawcett, Bournemouth.

YOUNG-GILMAN.—On January 1, at Westons, Liverpool, St. John-Matthew Young, of London, to Mary Gilman, daughter of late Mr. and Mrs. David Gilman, of Melkham and Stanghal.

The "China Mail" is now on sale at, and will be delivered by, Messrs. W. G. Humphreys and Co. Shamen, Canton, who have been appointed our agents.

The China Mail.

"TRUTH, JUSTICE, PUBLIC SERVICE."

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 1919.

THE WEATHER.

Here's another grievance against the Censorate, that we dare not say all we would about the contemptible contemporary weather. At home now the rocks must be building, and "wirelessing" their raucous, but welcome story along the winds of March. Here one cannot get into the Banks for icebergs, and hungry polar bears beset the Battery. Only the other day the bees were out, long in Flower Street, packing pollen into their hip-pockets, and humming our love song. What a weather! Gloomy the sky, and mean the wind. Dank is the Park and raw. A bad caddis talk back with a backerch of to his dose, and he?

Bah!

To think that we have listened unrepentingly while other men talked disrespectfully of the climate at home. For a little cold, for a little heat, to think we have ourselves abused, forgetting better times when we did.

halt at the clattering brook, in the tall green fern at the brink.

Where the harebell grows, and the gorse, and the foxgloves purple and white.

Where the shy-eyed delicate deer come down in a troop to drink when the stars are mellow and large at the coming on of the night.

Here the shy-eyed delicate deer, at the coming on of the night, must wrap up well in furs, and a rain-coat

over all, if she propose to turn out after dinner for a drink. The evenings are hard out of doors, and the mornings repellent. How long, O Lord, how long, till the winter be past, and the time of the swimming in the sea be come?

O, to feel the beat of the man, and the homely smell of the earth, is a time for the blood to jig to, a joy past power of words; And the blessed green comely meadows are all a-ripple with meads.

At the noise of the lambs at play and the dear wild cry of the birds.

This weather (providing it does not make still another swift change before the printer can show you this writing) almost reminds us of our visit to Florida, a country advertised as everlastingly sunny, and whose very name boasts of flowers. Not long from the coral strands and fiery suns of the Pacific, we expected to feel but little change of temperature. Brrrrr!

Interupting oneself a moment, is that conventional way of representing a cold shiver a good one? Surely not. No man ever says Brrrr to express his sense of cold. He draws in his breath, with a shrug, and a nose better represented by the French word for egg, Omelette. Like that.

Other writers may use this if they acknowledge the China Mail.

Now where were we? Oh yes, Florida the fraudulent. There was ice round the margins of the swampy pools they there call lakes. Orange trees were dying and dead. There was a wind, that cut and bit and gnawed. A roaring wood-stove, the bedroom was a misery. There were no flowers. There was a monotony of bare places, on flat, sandy stretches, in a land that would have been depressing even without that cold weather. Noting it down as a flat and swampy peninsula inhabited by mosquitoes and "Mow-bers"—the latter waiting for "quicker" to turn up and bug them out—we fled back to our beloved tropics.

Here and now we look longingly back to the glare of Senegal, to the 114° of Christmas Day in the Great Australian Desert, to the moist heat of Malaya. Indeed, this sort of weather is almost enough to make us look forward to the climate to which some people confidently expects us to go. If we hadn't had the previous little spell of jolly sunshine, it might seem so bad. And yet it is bad. We have the strongly held impression—*notis quia satis avarior mendacium*—that there was an isle hanging from our nose just now.

It seemed to us, during a decade of absence, that Hongkong was peculiarly deserving of the compliment that Charles II. paid to England, that "It invited men abroad more

days in the year and more hours in the day than any other country. Somehow, such enchantment does distance and time cast over memory, we thought of Hongkong's winters as its most pleasant seasons. Perhaps in these days they were not like this? There is something wrong, somewhere. It will be very curious for our shipping if the harbour freezes over. And the spiritual effects of it are but, doubly bad. Either one complaining.

Wear the cry of the wind is, weary the sea.

Wear the heat and the mist and the body of the.

Would I were out of it, done with it, would I could be.

A white gull, crying along the desolate sands;

or one flies to other spirits that we know of, and instead of following the white gull along the sands, one copes the swallow of the bar.

Yes, honest to goodness, we know that was awful, but *que voulez vous?* Blame the weather. It wouldn't have happened other-wise. Such Hunnish weather is fit for anything. We rich to denounce it with brave, sonorous, blustering, Pantagruelian words; but the Censorate might instead, our exposures.

THE MALES.

The mail service to and from Home is improving, though not yet back to pre-war regularity. At present they are despatching on Thursdays instead of Fridays. Indian mails are now going overland both ways, but ours seem to continue via the U.S.A., which is certainly not the most expeditious route. We get today two lots together, dated Jan. 9 and 16. It will be good for us when the trans-Indian route is again working. At present the system does not serve the people at Home very kindly. They receive ours on Fridays, a day after theirs have to be mailed. Our answers will therefore be at least a week late. The *London and China Express* of Jan. 9 had this:

"It is interesting to note that just as the Post Office has made this statement about the Indian and Eastern mails that the *Pan-Temps* announces the forthcoming inauguration of an express train service, placing Paris and London in direct communication with Athens, via Milan, Venice, Trieste, Agram, Nish, Uskub and Larissa. It is important from the political point of view to note that this line will link up the West with a point in South-Eastern Europe through Allied countries only. Apart from this aspect, it may be noted that as a mail route to the East and Far East, Athens, the rail end, is some 500 miles less by sea to Port Said than is the sea passage from Brindisi, (the former port of departure) to Port Said."

The outlook for the future is therefore more promising than it is for the present. With that route, and perhaps later on an aerial post, our "touch" with Home should be made closer. Meanwhile, awaiting better times, we can congratulate ourselves that we are not so badly off as we were.

BILLIARDS.

SOLDIERS' CLUB TOURNAMENT.

88th CO. R.G.A. v. STAFF AND DEPARTMENTS.

Resuming this match at the Soldiers' Club last night the Staff and Departments were 118 points behind. Last night they won the two remaining matches but not by sufficient points to wipe out the previous deficit. The first game was between Sergeant Davis (R.G.A.) and Staff Q. M. Sergeant Sheriff. Davis piled up a good lead, at one time being over 50 in front, but a 25 break put Sheriff on his feet and afterwards he took the lead, finally winning by 43 points. Entering the last game with his team's arrears reduced to 75, Staff Sergeant Stanley was unable to score the points necessary to give his own team entrance to the second round but he won his game against Co. Q. M. Sergeant Barker (88th Co.) by 43 points. The 88th Company thus gained the right to enter the semi-final versus the Hongkong Defence Corps. It was the heavy defeats experienced in the earlier games that cost the Staff and Depts. the match. The scores and highest break made by each player are as follows:

88TH COMPANY, R.G.A.	
Sgt. Drummond	250 34
Gunner Donaldson	250 43
Niven	250 19
Donnelly	218 16
Sgt. Davis	207 14
C. Q. M. S. Barker	217 14
Total	1392

STAFF AND DEPTS.	
Sgt. Pearce	216 21
Staff Sgt. Lyth	178 17
Sgt. Major Sainsbury	206 16
Sgt. Sherratt	250 25
S. Q. M. S. Sheriff	250 25
Staff Sgt. Stanley	250 16
Total	1350

The highest break in the tournament, to date is 51, by Mr. J. Gardiner, Hongkong Defence Corps.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

To-day's dollar is worth 317/16.

Tang Shao-yi has recovered his health.

The price of rice at Canton has fallen 70 cents per picul.

Chevalier Volpicelli is lecturing on Dante at Canton on March 19.

A Chinese was fined \$5 for having a large quantity of baskets on the pavement, thus causing obstruction.

There is talk of sending some of the Canton gunboats to Annam for rice. The French Consul is willing.

Today's return of communicable disease has two cases of plague, one of enteric, and two of cerebro-spinal fever.

There were several cases of Chinese keeping "dogs" without a licence, all of whom were fined \$2 or five days.

Mrs. E. S. Anderson, the wife of the Peruvian Consul, arrived back this morning, after staying a few days in Shanghai.

Mr. G. N. Orme took his seat this morning in the large Police Court, in the place of Mr. J. R. Wood, who has gone away on leave.

Should the weather be unfit tomorrow for tennis, cricket or other outdoor sport a tea dance will be held at the Cafe Wiseman.

The Cantonese are spending \$40,000 on a statue of the late Admiral Ching-Pik-wong. It is to be made in Paris, and put up at Dutch Folly or Hai Chu.

The Cantonese do not seem to expect much from the League to Enforce Peace. On March 27 they intend to offer the usual Spring Sacrifice to the Gods of War.

Rain yesterday prevented the courts from being played on. There are several matches down for this afternoon and there is every prospect of some good tennis being seen.

Missionaries in Korea are still meddling in politics. Probably they have to keep the favour of their followers. The Koreans have got the "self-determination" idea very strongly.

Mrs. O'Sullivan, widow of the late Inspector Mortimer O'Sullivan, who met his death under tragic circumstances in the *Empress of Russia* affair a year ago, left for Home with her family to-day.

Yesterday's home mail brought a letter from Lieut. F. Medway R.N. At the time of writing he was in charge of a German U boat and was on a tour round the Irish coast ports where the submarine would be thrown open to the public.

Major E. N. Williams, D.S.O., Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry, who was a subaltern here at the outbreak of war, was married in London on December 31, to Miss Beatrice Jean Blewett, R.R.C., Canadian Army Medical Corps.

From the list of successes in the Royal Hongkong Golf Club (Ladies' Section) printed in yesterday's *China Mail* was omitted the following: The Cup presented by Mrs. Dreaper was won by Miss Jessie Rodger with a score of 1 up on bogey.

The *Wingait* passenger motor launch, running between Wuchow and Nanning, founded on March 4 on account of striking a submerged reef in the river before reaching Kweilin. Fortunately the passengers aboard were all saved, but the whole of the cargo was lost.

Sir Edmund Walker, President of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, accompanied by Mr. G. V. Holt, the General Manager for Western Canada, has left Vancouver for a tour in the Orient, and will arrive in Hongkong, about the middle of next month. Sir Edmund's visit is partly on business and partly on pleasure.

Mr. Lindsell had before him, at the Magistracy this morning, a little Chinese boy who was charged with snatching money from a man. The boy's father said he ran away from home because his mother scolded him. Mr. Lindsell: "You must exercise more control over him, and not let him run about in the street. You will now watch him receive twelve strokes and be sure to take more care of him in future."

"RETIRING ON PENSION."

We regret that an unauthorized reference in yesterday's *China Mail*, based on the advertisement of the Seamen's Home, at the Praya has caused annoyance. The writer surmised that Mr. Allen of the Sanitary Board must be retiring on pension, but on enquiry we learn Mr. Allen has no intention of leaving the Service. The question of his retirement is one for the decision of the authorities.

SPECIAL CABLE.

DEPORTED GERMANS SAIL.

THREE IN HIDING.

[China Mail Special.]

Shanghai March 13.

The three transports have left for Rotterdam with 1,797 Germans aboard. The *Suffolk* accompanied them. Three of the German Doctors are still in hiding. It is believed they are at the Woosung Medical College.

PRESENTATION TO A H. SKELTON.

Just prior to his departure, Mr. A. H. Skelton, the senior partner of Messrs. Lane, Crawford & Co. was presented with a handsome silver salver and tea set by the staff of his Office.

Mr. Skelton arrived in Hongkong thirty years ago, and was assistant manager to the present firm, but on his retiring he was senior partner. As well as his interests in his own firm he was a director of the Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co. and the Unwin Motor Boat Co., and for the past few years he has been a member of The Food and War Charities Committees.

In 1899, he was the champion rifle shot in the Colony, and he has always taken a prominent and active interest in sports, and his name is included in the championships of tennis, billiards, and rifle shooting. Latterly he has taken up golf and motoring. He left yesterday on R.M.S. *Empress of Russia*, for Victoria, B.C., where he will meet his wife, and spend some time, before going to England later in the year. Longtime friends of the firm were fired from the Lane, Crawford Building as he made his final adieu yesterday. Although he is a decided loss to the Colony, his many friends trust that he will spend many years of well earned rest.

NOT QUITE RESPECTABLE.

A Chinese in answer to a charge of larceny before Mr. R. Lindsell in the small court this morning, stated several times that he was a most respectable and honourable man, and that he had only come down to Hongkong to try and borrow enough money to save his little home, which was mortgaged very heavily, as he was being pressed for the interest.

The case was very black against the defendant, who was charged as to your guilt," said Mr. Lindsell. "Do you know anything about him?" he asked the Police. "Yes Sir," he has been convicted five times before, and has been deported for five years, and is also under a sentence of twenty years banishment. "Yes," continued Mr. Lindsell, "You say you are a very honourable and respectable man, but not in our way of looking at respectability." You will go to prison for six months, and afterwards you will be brought up on a charge for coming back after being banished.

A PROBLEM FOR A SOLOMON.

Before Mr. Lindsell at the Magistracy this morning, a Chinese who was charged with the unlawful possession of 71 sheets of gelignite, pleaded not guilty.

A coolie woman, giving evidence, said the defendant was a foreman employed to supervise coolies at work on a new building in the course of construction. He gave witness a package of gelignite to conceal which she did. When she was arrested, said witness, she told the whole story to the police.

The defendant denied all knowledge of the matter and said the false evidence the woman had given against him, resulted from the fact that he had refused her employment. The defendant elected to produce witnesses to corroborate his statement and was ordered to stand down while his witness dealt with other cases on the charge sheet.

THEFT FROM NAVAL YARD.

Charged before Mr. G. N. Orme at the Magistracy this morning with stealing iron shackles from the Naval Yard, a Chinese who was arrested by a Police Reservist while passing the shackles to a confederate who made good his escape, pleaded that the shackles fell at his feet and as he picked them up, he was arrested by the Police Reservist. He did not know where the shackles came from.

Mr. Orme did not believe this story and sentenced the man to one month's hard labour.

RUB IT IN.

A good many people think rheumatism cannot be cured without taking numerous medicines. Chamberlain's Pain Balm massaged thoroughly into the skin has cured far more rheumatism than any internal remedy in existence and gives relief quicker. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

QUEEN MARY'S NEEDLE- WORK GUILD.

HONGKONG BRANCH.

CITY HALL WORK PARTY (under Mrs. Stubby).

January.—57 vests, 71 pyjamas, 48 shirts, 48 kimono bed jackets, 37 ladies' kaishos, 11 gals' dresses, 3 children's pyjamas, 38 boy's overalls, 40 baby's vests, 48 milk covers, 60 handkerchiefs, 180 pants, 20 mosquito nets, and 88 boy's shirts.

February.—126 vests, 63 pyjamas, 30 shirts, 4 kimono bed jackets, 32 ladies' kaishos, 17 boy's overalls, 63 baby's vests, 24 milk covers, 90 handkerchiefs, 70 pants, 3 boy's pyjamas, 8 boy's shirts, 8 bonnets, 30 pillow slips, and 74 sheets.

UNION CHURCH WORKING PARTY (under Mrs. Macdonald).

January.—64 shirts, 60 pyjamas, 31 bed jackets, 8 doz. food covers, 75 doz. eye baggies, 234 handkerchiefs, 19 pairs of socks, 24 pairs of bed socks, 8 pairs of knee caps, 8 caps and helmets, 14 mufflers, 8 trench sweaters, and 13 scrubbers.

February.—37 shirts, 100 pants, 63 pairs of socks, 24 pairs of knee caps, 14 trench sweaters, 13 mufflers, 1 helmet, and 5 pairs of mittens.

WESTERN CHURCH WORKING PARTY.

January.—36 scrubbers, 11 surgical caps, 18 food covers, 70 shirts, 16 pants, 8 pairs of socks, 9 pillow slips, and 1 muffler.

HELENA MAY INSTITUTE (under Mrs. Jordan).

January.—1,188 rolled bandages, 10 triangular bandages, 9 head bandages, 3 eye bandages, 1 many-banded bandage, 50 pillow slips, 12 large swabs, 14 swabs, 4 pairs of socks, and 1 pair of knee caps.

PEAK CLUB WORKING PARTY (under Mrs. Harston).

January.—180 rolled bandages, 18 dysentery pads, 30 shell swabs, 72 sponge swabs, and 2 pockets gauze pieces (done up in lots).

February.—240 rolled bandages, 24 dysentery pads, 3 pneumonia jackets, 12 shell swabs, and 72 sponge swabs.

NAVAL AND DOCKYARD BRANCH (under Mrs. Gunner).

January.—Clothing for French Repatriees—7 dresses, 10 petticoats, 14 stays, 14 overalls, 10 petticoats and caps, 8 baby's jackets, 12 white chemise, 8 flannellette chemise, 7 baby's long flannel petticoats, 8 straight flannel, 8 squares, 3 quilts, 18 bibs, 11 books, 4 shoes, 4 boy's shirts, also 40 vests, 4 pants, 2 shirts, 15 socks, 1 sweater, 1 knee cap, 1 glove, 35 handkerchiefs, 37 mops, and 20 jugs covers.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S SOCIETY.

January.—12 pairs of socks, 2 sweaters, 8 mufflers, 9 knitted scrubbers, 48 food covers, 36 khaki bandkerchiefs, 1,320 sponge swabs, and 1,260 rolled bandages.

February.—13 mufflers, 5 sweaters, 15 pairs of socks, 16 doz. khaki handkerchiefs, 26 doz. jug and milk covers, 40 mops, 29 knitted scrubbers, 38 2/3 doz. eye and mouth washers, 648 rolled bandages, and 510 sponge swabs.

"FAIR AND WARMER."

The Frawley Co., last night to a packed house gave their farewell performance and, judging by the enthusiastic reception with which every part was received they have left behind an impression, entirely in their favour and lasting. The plot of last night's piece which they called a "humorous conceit" was almost a "full-house" also, consisting of two pairs and a knave. G. A. Forbes as "Billie Bartlett" is the principal card in the first pair, the sort of husband who never does anything and does not even take the trouble to make his wife jealous. In the second pair we have Miss Florence Chapman as "Blanny Wheeler." She plays a similar part to "Billie" as the unsuspecting wife. "Billie" and "Blanny" are left to their own devices for the evening, and decide partners to give their respective partners some interest in life by compromising themselves.

The dialogue is sparkling and the acting generally is very finished. Mrs. Molly Malin as "Laura Bartlett" and Mr. G. A. Forbes were both in excellent form. Miss Malin is new to the Colony but she has won by her acting good opinions. By the way she passed from the pathetic to the humorous, she proved herself to be a good emotional actress. The second act of the play is occupied by the two principals judiciously mixing their drinks.

The third act is the inevitable bedroom scene with variations. The house was kept on the edge of laughter from the rise to the fall of the curtain and thoroughly appreciated the witty dialogue and dash with which the play was staged.

The company leave to-day by the s.s. *Yuenwang* for Manila.

BEST MEDICINE MADE.

A better medicine can not be made than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It relieves the lungs, opens the secretions, aids expectoration and assists Nature in restoring the system to a healthy condition. Besides, it contains no opiates and is perfectly safe to take. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

LEAGUE CRICKET.

TO-MORROW'S PROGRAMME.

With four league matches down for disposal to-morrow, (weather permitting) cricket has an exceptionally interesting turn this week. All the leaders are engaged. The present top dogs, R.G.A. make a visit to the University and expect to add three points to their score. Judging by their advertised team the gunners are at full strength. The University are also fielding the best available and a close game should be the result with small odds on the soldiers.

The Civil Service, a team much interested in the destination of the championship, entertain the K.C.C. These teams always provide an interesting fixture, the healthy club rivalry existing bringing a number of supporters of each team together. A draw is not unlikely here.

The Craigengower team are at home to the Manchesters. The latter are an uncertain quantity. With Allan, their best bowler, playing and in form they may win a low scoring match. Looking at the names of the Craigengower team few good batsmen appear there.

The Chinese Recreation Club hope to add the three points as the result of the visit of the Navy team to their fine enclosure. The Navy have had but poor luck this season, and now that Mr. Cary has gone they have lost a batsman good for a few runs and who is a fine field.

The particulars of matches to be played, selected team, etc., follow:

Chinese R. C. v. Royal Navy. On the C.R.C. ground at 2.15 p.m.

University v. R.G.A. On the University ground at 2.15 p.m.

Craigengower v. Manchester Regt. On the Craigengower ground at 2.15 p.m.

Civil Service C. C. v. Kowloon C. C. On the Civil Service ground at 2.15 p.m.

SELECTED TEAMS.

C. R. C.—Ng Sze Kwong (Capt.), Yew Man Tsun, Geo. Lee, Harry Ching, K. K. Wong, Wei Lee San, James Wong, Po Keung, Sin Man Ping, Cheung Wing Kui and Un Hwa Fan.

Craigengower.—R. Basa (Capt.), F. Thompson, A. Arculi, L. Lammert, D. Rumjahn, G. Manley, S. Jex U. Omar, M. Abbas, W. Hall and A. Goldenberg.

R.G.A.—Lieuts. Sutherland, Colman and Torr; Sergt. Major Talford, Sergeants Athorne and Drummond, Corp. Mahn, Bomb. Sharkey, Gunners Baines, Middleton and Sharp.

Manchesters.—2nd Lieut. G. C. Q.M.S. Smith, Sergts. Hall, Bird, Clarke, and Smith, Corp. Horrocks, Lee, Corp. Deakin and Private Walker.

K.C.C.—J. S. Robinson, J. D. Birrell, D. M. Goodall, J. H. Mead, G. P. James, A. de Sousa, C. J. Stapleton, R. Pestonji, H. Overy, T. M. Cochrane and A. O. Brown.

FOOTBALL MEETING.

HONGKONG LEAGUE MATTERS.

A meeting of the Hongkong Football League was held in the R.G.A. Sergeants' Mess, Victoria Barracks, last night. The Rev. C.B. Shann occupied the chair and was supported by Master Gunner G.T. May, acting for the Hon. Secretary, (Mr. F.W. Wright).

The business was more or less formal. The resignation of the 87th Company, R.G.A. was approved, the reason for the team resigning being the loss of so many players, gone home for demobilization. Under Rule 10 in the League Handbook the points for unplayed matches go to the opponents in each case.

An annual job was next carried through, \$120 being voted for the purchase of medals for the winning teams in each division of the league.

Re-arrangement of 2nd Division matches concluded the business. The matches re-arranged follow:

S. China Ath (R.) v. St. Joseph's College 22nd March 1919.

St. Joseph's College v. Staff and Depts. 29th March 1919.

Kowloon v. St. Joseph's College 5th April 1919.

83rd Co. R.G.A. v. St. Joseph's College 12th April 1919.

South China Ath (R.) v. Staff and Depts. To be played in mid-week.

Royal Navy (R.) v. 83rd Co. R.G.A. To be played in mid-week.

EDITORS ARE HUMAN.

"I am an erratic, moody, and undependable sort of editor," says Robert Blatchford in the *Clarion*. "My friend Thompson's kindly and clever jibe at me when in the week of the General Election I wrote an article on 'Love and left politics' severely alone was thoroughly deserved. True, there is a method in my madness (sometimes), for, after all, what profitable thing could I have said about that particular election at that particular time? The fact is I was bored by the election, and disgusted too; and I had just read a book and wanted to talk to my readers about it."

FOOTBALL.

SATURDAY'S PICTURES.

First division football still retains interest as the destination of the league trophies are still unsettled. On Saturday the fixtures are in connection with the United Services League. The possible winners, Hongkong F.C. or Navy, are both due to play. The former are engaged with the Royal Engineers and a win is an absolute necessity for any hope of winning the services shield. With their last week's team out there should be no doubt about the Club gaining two points as the Royal Engineers have the poorest team that has represented them for many years.

The Navy men on the other hand have a more difficult obstacle. Their opponents are the South China Athletic team. The Chinese play the more correct football but that does not necessarily mean two points. The more go-ahead, hustling methods of the Navy, if not so good from a "spectacular" standpoint, often means more goals and consequently points. The Navy expect to gather both points as the results of to-morrow's match in which case they should be fairly certain of the championship. The Navy have 7 points for 4 matches, the record of the Hongkong F.C. being 5 points for 4 matches.

In the second division St. Joseph's College take the field again after several weeks' absence. Their opponents are the 88th Company R.G.A. from Lyemun. St. Joseph's are already practically winners of this division and two more points are a certainty as the result of this game. The Staff and Departments, likely runners-up, play the 88th Company R.G.A. from Victoria. This should be a good battle, with slight odds on the Staff. The remaining match, Kowloon and Navy Reserves is very open. At the beginning of the season it would have meant two points for the Navy with out any question but lately the Navy men have done so poorly that their prospects are uncertain.

List of matches, referees, grounds, time of kick off, etc., dependent on:

UNITED SERVICES LEAGUE.

Hongkong F.C. v. Royal Engineers. On the Club ground at 4.15 p.m. Referee, Mr. Banks.

Royal Navy v. South China Athletic. On the Naval ground at 4.15 p.m. Referee, Mr. Emery.

2ND DIV. HONGKONG LEAGUE.

St. Joseph's College v. 88th Co. R.G.A. On the Military ground at 2.30 p.m. Referee, Mr. Stevenson.

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VICTORIA THEATRE.

FREEDONY'S MASTERPIECE.

It is seldom that Hongkong theatre-goers have had the opportunity of witnessing such a distinctly original and wholly diversified entertainment as that submitted by Fredony at the Victoria Theatre last night. Fredony's act is entirely original and unique. It is a complete breakaway from orthodox vaudeville. The audience is given no indication as to how it is done, and there is not the slightest sign of mismanagement in the most difficult of the undertakings. "The Man in the Clock" a comical protean tragedy, is acted by Fredony himself, in the course of which he takes five different and totally irreconcilable characters. It is a wonderful performance, particularly at the finale, in which, as the infuriated husband, he enters a big "grandfather's" clock with malicious intent towards his wife's lover, who has hidden there, and reappears almost instantaneously as the scared fugitive, having locked the husband in the clock. All the characters were interpreted with amazing rapidity and change of voice that at first the audience were inclined to doubt his identity. The salvos of applause which greeted this production were well deserved. Fredony calmly acknowledged same by a number of bows, and each time appeared in an evening dress of different color, six complete changes in as many seconds. Miss Asta Erickson the distinguished Soprano, sang Habanera and L'La Fregiera from Tosca and came in for loud applause. Not the least enjoyable contributions were those of Mlle Leona, in her Cake Walk dances, who was several times encored. For to night the first appearance of Miss Tessie Turner, that ragtime girl from America is announced. Miss Tessie Turner is one of the leading American ragtime comedienne and she has the happy faculty of being able to put over a song with plenty of pep and punch. The latest Broadway successes are included in her repertoire.

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CANTON GERMANS LEAVE.

The first batch of Germans (23) were deported from Canton yesterday. There are 29 to follow to-day. The first lot left on the B. & S. steamer Suiyang for Shanghai. They were six families, including twelve children. To-day's lot are expected to go direct to Germany from Hongkong.

HONGKONG WAR MEMORIAL.

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1551	10	6139/8140	in name of A. Ehlers & Co.	Heinrich Karl Oldrop.
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1553	1	12005	August Diehn.	August Diehn.
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1555	5	439/490	Christian Brockmann.	Christian Brockmann.
1556	5	8311/8315	Frederick Werner Siemens.	Frederick Werner Siemens.
1557	5	11066/11073	Frederick Werner Siemens.	Frederick Werner Siemens.
1558	3	11074/11076	Gustav Siemens.	Gustav Siemens.
1559	1	4015	Gustav Siemens.	Gustav Siemens.
1560	2	10058/10059	Gustav Siemens.	Gustav Siemens.
1561	10	7806/7810	Gustav Siemens.	Gustav Siemens.
1562	10	8381/8385	Gustav Siemens.	Gustav Siemens.
1563	10	961/970	Gustav Siemens.	Gustav Siemens.
1564	10	971/980	Gustav Siemens.	Gustav Siemens.
1565	10	4086/4088	Gustav Siemens.	Gustav Siemens.
1566	10	4086/4075	Gustav Siemens.	Gustav Siemens.
1567	10	10803/10809	Gustav Siemens.	Gustav Siemens.
1568	3	18248/18248	Gustav Siemens.	Gustav Siemens.
1569	5	3218/3220	John Bandow.	John Bandow.
1570	5	3221/3225	John Bandow.	John Bandow.
1571	8	10158/10163	Eugen Geider.	Eugen Geider.
1572	5	9041/9045	Johann Nicolaus Gossmann.	Johann Nicolaus Gossmann.
1573	5	10743/10747	Oscar von der Heyde.	Oscar von der Heyde.
1574	10	2566/2575	Oscar von der Heyde.	Oscar von der Heyde.
1575	5	556/560	Oscar Hugo Armin Muller.	Oscar Hugo Armin Muller.
1576	10	3968/3975	Bouyer Brockelmann & Company.	Bouyer Brockelmann & Company.
1577	6	10980/10983	Carl Heinrich Rogge.	Carl Heinrich Rogge.
1578	5	21/2762	Carl Heinrich Rogge.	Carl Heinrich Rogge.
1579	5	3026/3030	Carl Heinrich Rogge.	Carl Heinrich Rogge.
1580	2	28/29	Carl Heinrich Rogge.	Carl Heinrich Rogge.
1581	5	9446/9450	Dr. Walther Rosler.	Dr. Walther Rosler.
1582	0	4993, 7403, and 7409	Dr. Walther Rosler.	Dr. Walther Rosler.
1583	1	5688	Dr. Walther Rosler.	Dr. Walther Rosler.
1584	5	7198/7200	Ernest Ohlner.	Ernest Ohlner.
1585	5	11759/11764	Ernest Ohlner.	Ernest Ohlner.
1586	5	11765/11769	Ernest Ohlner.	Ernest Ohlner.
1587	0	11770/11784	Ernest Ohlner.	Ernest Ohlner.
1588	4	11795/11798	Ernest Ohlner.	Ernest Ohlner.
1589	1	10200	Franz Heinrich Luder Haeckel.	Franz Heinrich Luder Haeckel.
1590	5	6806/6810	Gustav Albers.	Gustav Albers.
1591	1	6429	Otto Friedrich Beck.	Otto Friedrich Beck.
1592	1	12002	mann.	mann.
1593	5	5441/5445	J. C. Julius Moller.	J. C. Julius Moller.
1594	1	6333	William Adolphus Philipp.	William Adolphus Philipp.
1595	1	6422	Fanny Moller Wolf.	Fanny Moller Wolf.
1596	1	42	Gebruder Cordes.	Gebruder Cordes.
1597	2	11178/11179	Martin Heinrich Carl Ewald.	Martin Heinrich Carl Ewald.
1598	3	12142/12144	Richard Muller and Gertrud Gallen.	Richard Muller and Gertrud Gallen.
1599	1	1177	Max Puffelrocken.	Max Puffelrocken.
1600	1	7421	Oscar Katz.	Oscar Katz.
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1602	2	11907/11908	Erdmann and Stelcken.	Erdmann and Stelcken.
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THEATRES ON LINERS.

The idea of having theatres on board of liners is being revived, remarks a correspondent. As one thing there seemed every possibility that some scheme would be adopted; indeed, I believe the Cunard Line, before the war, was very much impressed with the notion. If it does fructify it is to be hoped that measures will be taken to safeguard the interests of the various seamen's charities, which have been helped to carry on in the past through collections made at the concerts invariably held on board the liners. The absence of these concerts has, of course, hit very hard these charities, and it would be a pity if the advent of the theatres (which presumably would mean the death-knell of the concerts) had the effect of "drying up" a source of revenue for these charities.

Mr. Thomas Scott, the secretary of the Mercantile Marine Service Association, could doubtless give some very striking figures showing how the charities, administered by his organisation, had alone other institutions, had suffered through the absence of concerts held on board the liners during the past four years.

AN AQUITANIA PRESENTATION.

An incident worthy of record took place on board the R.M.S. Aquitania shortly after her being paid off as one of H.M. ships, when an interesting presentation was made by the captain and officers to Lieut. A. E. Duffett (C), R.N. In January of last year Lieut. Duffett joined this famous Commodore as mate (G), and had charge of her armament of six 6in. guns, and was promoted to the rank of lieutenant in July, 1918. In addition to having charge of the Aquitania's guns, he acted as the commodore's first lieutenant. During his association with the Aquitania he proved himself an efficient officer, and was extremely popular with the ship's officers. When the time came for him to sever his connection with the ship, the captain and officers took advantage of the occasion to show their appreciation of his services by presenting him with a handsome gold cigarette case, suitably inscribed, together with a chateleine bag for Mrs. Duffett. The presentation was made by Captain J. T. W. Chiles, C.B., R.D., R.N.R., who, in the course of a few remarks, referred to Lieut. Duffett's vigilance at his post, adding that it was largely due to his efforts that the great liner had come through unscathed. Lieut. Duffett was also presented with a charming framed engraving of the ship, this presentation being made on behalf of the captain and officers by Staff Captain A. J. Wolfe. It is interesting to record that Captain Wolfe has been torpedoed on three occasions.

FREIGHTS AND SHIPPING.

Of late there has been a great deal of nonsense written about the Australian fleet and the large profits it made, but it may be taken for granted that the money earned by the Hughes' merchant fleet was a mere drop in the bucket compared with the pile of cash raked in by the British Government out of British shipping. Talk about paying the owners large sums in cash when their vessels were destroyed! What is the good of cash to a business man? What he wants, if he is a shipowner, is ships not cash. Another instance of that loose thinking which prevails with regard to shipping is provided at the farwell dinner to the Food Controller. Mr. Clynes, after praising everybody, said that he did not think that in future arrangements food supplies should be left, in respect of shipping facilities, to compete with ships for trade. There ought to be measures that would make shipping facilities secure for the food supplies of the country. This, of course, is nationalisation under another disguise, and it is quite on the cards that an attempt will be made to keep control over shipping by seeking to regulate rates. That is to say, the shipowner when he has an offer for his boat will have to ask permission from one of the bureaucrats, whether he may accept it or not. A truly delightful picture of business! Mr. Dilly and Mr. Dilly would give all the decisions naturally, unless our old friend Mr. Wait-and-See could be revived again. Possibly instead of sending tests for German babies a million muzzles for use nearer home would help the country to get on with its business, and put a stop to the talk, talk, talk which goes on day after day.

DISCIPLINING OUR AMBITIONS.

The Archbishop of York, at Hull, said that we must get a League of Nations started. Speaking as one who knows perhaps as much as anybody of the difficulties which would come before the Peace Conference, he said he had discussed the matter with President Wilson and with ex-President Taft. We must be prepared to discipline our ambitions and make sacrifices.

SHIPPINA

HONGKONG CLUB'S GOOD
EXHIBITS:

DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES.
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Looker.

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WEATHER REPORT

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ROYAL OBSERVATORY
HONGKONG, DAILY WEATHER
REPORT.

Station.	Hour.	Barometer at Sea Level. (Temperature.)	Wind.
Wladivostok.	5 a.	30.20	11
Nemuro	5 a.	30.26	11
Hakodate.	"	30.32	11
Nagasaki.	"	30.38	11
Tokio	"	30.40	11
Kobe	"	30.42	11
Yokohama	"	30.44	11
Kagoshima	"	30.50	11
Osakima	"	30.14	11
Naha	"	30.08	11
Yokohama	"	30.00	11
Soerabaja	"	30.10	11
Wahidwardi	5 a.	30.14	47 8
Bankow	"	30.08	72
Ichang	"	30.08	72
Kiungking	"	30.08	72
Changshu	"	30.08	72
Shanghai	"	30.13 33	72
Guizhou	"	30.17 43	72
Shang P'ing	7 a.	30.01 43	72
Amoy	5 a.	30.01 43	72
Swatow	5 a.	30.01 43	72
Taipei	"	30.02 59	72
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Taipei	"	30.09 61	72
Keshun	"	30.01 61	72
Taipei	"	30.01 61	72
Canlon	5 a.	29.95 55	72
Hankow	"	29.95 55	72
Gap Rock.	"	29.94	72
Macao	"	29.94 61	72
Whang	5 a.	29.94	72
Paloh	"	29.94 72	72
Hoabin	"	29.94 72	72
Phuon	7 a.	29.89 63	72
O'Stanis	"	29.87 72	72
Guantanamo	5 a.	29.84 72	72
Dagupan	"	29.81 65	72
Manila	"	29.83 72	72
Legaspi	"	29.81 72	72
Tacloban	"	29.81 72	72
Surigao	"	29.89 72	72
Guam	4 1/2 a.	9.83	72
Labuan	5 a.	9.78 8	72

Hongkong Chinese

1. BAROMETER, reduced Fahrenheit, on the lower inches, tenths and hundredths.
2. THERMOMETER, in degrees Fahrenheit.
3. HUMIDITY, in percentage, the humidity of a moisture being 100.
4. DIRECTION OF WIND.
5. FORCE, by WIND-RECORDING Scale.
6. STATE OF WEATHER, detached cloud, a light or gloomy, h. hail, l. light passing showers, s. squalls, th. thunder, v. visibility.
7. RATE IN inches or sixths.

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The zero of the table is the zero of the soundings in the Admiralty Chart, which has been found to be 3 inches below mean low water.

To obtain the height of the tide gauge at the pier, add 3 feet 4 inches to the height at the pier. At the pier, add 4 inches to the height.

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week ago

		SIGN WATER	
Day	Time	Kingway	Time
Sat.	13	m	9 21
Sun.	14	m	9 14
Mon.	17	m	10 25
Tues.	18	m	10 57
Wed	19	m	10 48
Thur.	20	m	11 7
Fri.	21	m	11 28

COMMERCIAL.

THE SILVER MARKET.

In an unusually interesting review of the silver market during 1918 Messrs. Sharps and Wilkins, after mentioning the fluctuations in the price from January to March, say that during these three months Indian and English Mint requirements were large and continuous, and as these seemed likely to go on arrangements began to be discussed with a view to make available the large amount of dollars held in the United States of America under the Sherman Act, and various proposals were advanced as to how this was to be done. It being generally believed that a higher rate would be fixed than was at that time current, the price of silver in London improved very materially, and the quotation went to add a few days later. Then came the announcement that an Act of the American Congress had been passed, providing for the release at \$1 per ounce fine of \$350,000,000 held in the United States Treasury, with the provision that the Government should acquire silver from the producers at the same price to replace the silver thus apportioned, whenever it was convenient to do so. The effect of this measure in London was to increase the price to 49 1/2 per ounce standard, the parity of the American price of \$1 plus the cost of bringing the silver to Europe, which price lasted for a week, but was modified slightly as some variation in the cost of insurance and other charges allowed silver to be sold at a little lower, and 49 1/2, 48 1/2, and 48 1/4, were quoted successively until August 21.

The exchanges in China now rose considerably, and purchases were made for shipment from San Francisco above the \$1 per ounce, making some further action necessary, and the selling price was altered to 101 1/2, the equivalent of 49 1/2 per ounce standard in England, and notice was given in the Official Gazette that this figure was the maximum price at which silver might be dealt in. Our quotation therefore remained at 49 1/2 without alteration from Aug. 21 to Nov. 8. The China exchange remained, however, above the silver parity, but no silver could any longer be shipped thither without licenses from the American Government, which licenses were unobtainable. For some time previous similar restrictions on trade were made in London, and licenses to ship silver and to export silver were refused, and exports were permitted except on Government account. The signing of the armistice (Nov. 11), and the consequent cessation of danger from submarine attack, reduced the war risk of insurance New York to London from 22 to 2s. 6d. per cent, so that it was possible to bring silver to London at a smaller expense, and on Nov. 12 the silver quotation was reduced to 48 1/2, which figure was notified as the new maximum, to be observed in silver transactions, and a further reduction for a similar reason took place on Dec. 6, from which date until the end of the year the price was quoted at 48 1/4.

As regards the future of silver, Messrs. Sharps and Wilkins think it is extremely doubtful if there will be any fall except such as may arise from lower freight rates between New York and London. Owing to the partial failure of the monsoon in

India it is possible that rupees may be returned to the Treasury, as the result of hoarded coins being brought into circulation to purchase the necessities of life, which would obviate the necessity of so much new coinage in India as has been found requisite during the war, but it must be remembered that the area for the circulation of rupees has been greatly increased, as these coins have become a convenient monetary basis of Central Asia, Syria, and North and East Africa, and as these countries are, or will probably become, large centres of coin and other production under British management, some deficiency in India will be made up by the harvests of those lands and coinage in India may be expected to continue still. It is most unlikely that there will be any demonstration of coinage in that quarter. It is confidently believed that with a free market China will be a large buyer, and inasmuch as no silver has been obtainable by any of the other countries for so long, there is every probability of requirements there also. The English Mint has been coming heavily, but here, again, we expect a continued demand in view of a Treasury Note issue outstanding of about £300,000,000, the mere circulation of which makes it necessary to have a large amount of silver coinage for changing facilities.

Not only in England, but in all other European countries, the tremendous war expenditure has resulted in gigantic issues of paper money, for which a metallic reserve has to be built up, and inasmuch as the production of gold is limited, it becomes a question whether it may not be necessary to associate silver with it on a fixed basis. The conditions of the world of to-day are so different from those when the bimetallic theory was abandoned that old arguments no longer apply. All stocks having been absorbed, with the sole exception of silver dollars left of those made available by special statute in America; probably nearly a half of the \$350,000,000 has been utilised, but if only \$125,000,000 have to be replaced, which represents nearly 100,000,000 fine ounces, the entire production of the United States for more than a year would be required, and as their measure requires the United States Government to buy this silver at \$1 per ounce, the price can hardly fall below that figure. While a high price will undoubtedly stimulate production, producers in Mexico and elsewhere may be unwilling to sell except at a higher rate, and the prevailing opinion, therefore, is that in view of Government control, whenever that takes place, may result in the price of silver rising to a still higher level than we have seen during the year past.

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

HONGKONG, 14th MARCH, 1919.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

1 1/2 A.M.

Hongkong Bank	...	750 1/2	750 1/2
MARINE INSURANCE.			
Canton Ins.	...	...	£410 1/2
North China Ins.	...	...	T. 125 1/2
Union Ins.	...	£1010 1/2	1010 1/2
Yantai Ins.	...	...	750 1/2
Far Easters	...	...	T. 28 1/2
FIRE INSURANCE.			
China Fire Ins.	...	...	£175 1/2
Hongkong Fire Ins.	...	...	£358 1/2
SHIPPING.			
Dowdells	...	...	£94 1/2
H.K. Steamships	...	...	£913 1/2
Indo China (Frat.)	...	...	£353 1/2
Do. (Do.)	...	...	£181 1/2
Shell Transport	...	...	1607 1/2
Star Fisheries	...	...	£38 1/2
RUBBER.			
China Sugar	...	...	£120 1/2
Malabar Sugars	...	...	£389 1/2
MIXING.			
Kailash Mining Adm.	...	...	507 1/2
Langkat	...	...	T. 23 1/2
Bangkok	...	...	£10 1/2
Tranco. Mines	...	...	£74 1/2
Union Cables	...	...	£40 1/2
DOCKS, WAREHOUSES, GODOWNS, &c.			
H. & S. Wharfs	...	...	£117 1/2
H. & W. Docks	...	...	£12 1/2
Shanghai Docks	...	...	£193 1/2
N. E. Engineering	...	...	T. 34 1/2
LANDS, HOTELS & BUILDINGS.			
Central Estates	...	£102 1/2	103 1/2
Hongkong Hotels	...	...	£87 1/2
Hongkong Lodges	...	£102 1/2	102 1/2
Humphreys	...	...	£103 1/2
Kowloon Lands	...	...	T. 73 1/2
Lead Reclamations	...	...	T. 175 1/2
West Point	...	...	£68 1/2
COTTON MILLS.			
Ewo Cottons	...	...	T. 219 1/2
Sung Yick	...	...	T. 137 1/2
China Spinning Mills	...	...	T. 145 1/2
Orientals	...	...	T. 178 1/2
Shanghai Cottons	...	...	T. 118 1/2
Yangtzeports	...	...	T. 30 1/2
MICROFILMS.			
Cinema	...	...	£870 1/2
China Pictures	...	...	£128 1/2
China Locomotives	...	£35 1/2	51 1/2
China-Providents	...	...	£24 1/2
Dairy Farms	...	...	£28 1/2
H.K. Electric	...	...	£76 1/2
Macao Ins.	...	...	£104 1/2
Macao Rope	...	...	£35 1/2
H. K. Tramways	...	...	£8 1/2
Peak Tramways (Old)	...	...	£78 1/2
do. (New)	...	...	£ 75 1/2
Steam Laundry	...	...	£38 1/2
H. K. Steel Foundries	...	...	£22 1/2
H. K. Works	...	...	£22 1/2
Watsons	...	...	£615 1/2
Yowells	...	...	£94 1/2
Wisemann	...	...	£27 1/2

